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The Honorable Doug Ducey
Governor
State of Arizona
1700 W. Washington Street
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Thomas Buschatzke
Director
Arizona Department of Water Resources
1110 W Washington St #310
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RE: Signing of Minute 323

Governor Ducey and Director Buschatzke -

Thank you for prioritizing Arizona's water security by signing Minute 323. As craft brewers and members of Audubon's Western Rivers Brewers' Council, we know that an adequate and reliable water supply is essential to not only great beer, but also to healthy communities, economies, rivers, birds, and other wildlife. By taking this collaborative action, you are living up to our tradition of developing new and innovative tools that ensure a sustainable water future for our state.

To unleash Minute 323's full potential to benefit craft breweries and other water users in Arizona, we encourage you to take the critical next steps - finalizing the Lower Basin drought contingency plan and developing an in-state implementation plan. Arizona relies on the Colorado River for about 40% of its water, but demand far exceeds supply. Your signing of the updated Minute creates an opportunity to get out in front of this problem by collectively focusing on steps to reduce the imbalance in the most innovative, efficient, and cost-effective ways possible.

Minute 323 is a victory for business, residential, municipal, and agricultural water users as well as for our rivers, birds, and other wildlife on both sides of the border.

Thank you for building on the Arizona legislature's unanimous approval

of the new Minute by taking this positive action. Please, take the next steps to ensure it has the greatest impact possible for Arizona.

Respectfully,

Karen Gaylord



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